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Kitchen kinship

Akerboom brothers have a real taste for cooking/**D-1**



Tornado gave no warning



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Aftermath: Pam Stroebel and son, Aaron, 10, pick up items from their Maribel area home, which was destroyed by a tornado late Tuesday afternoon.

Storm damage exceeds $1 million

By Paul Srubas and Don Langankamp
Press-Gazette

A tornado that caused at least $1 million damage in northern Manitowoc County Tuesday afternoon gave area residents no warning and left them diving for cover seconds before it hit.

The tornado, which struck at about 5 p.m., destroyed four to six homes, a trailer home, two barns and an old schoolhouse, all near Rosecrans and Zander roads in the town of Cooperstown.

It damaged another six homes and ripped out 18 power poles, said Nancy Crowley, Manitowoc County's emergency government director.

Only one injury was reported. Kevin Enz hurt an ankle scrambling for cover in a culvert before his trailer home was destroyed, Crowley said. St. Vincent Hospital treated and released Enz.

No one will have a final damage estimate until homeowners determine what they lost, but damage will top $1 million, Crowley said.

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The National Weather Service has determined the tornado rated at least a 3 on a scale that goes up to 5. That meant winds traveled at least 150 to 200 mph, Crowley said.

People living more than 5 miles from the tornado have reported finding debris from houses on their property, Crowley said.

"We heard nothing, had no warning, until we got the phone call" from a neighbor who saw the tornado, said Judy Kass, 11511 Zander Road. She and others managed to scramble to their basements even as some of them watched buildings going down.

The Stroebel family was saved by the sharp eyes and quick thinking of Broc Stroebel, 8, and his brother, Aaron, 10.

Broc saw the funnel approach.

"There's a tornado coming!" he yelled at his brother, who was playing near the garage of their new ranch home at 17724 Carol Drive, off Zander Road.

"We ran into the house and my mom was cleaning the bedroom," Aaron said later, standing near the gaping basement hole where his house had stood.

The three scurried to the basement and Aaron herded them to the southwest corner.

"My youngest son ran in screaming, 'It's a tornado!' and my oldest said, 'Mom, that wall!' " said Pam Stroebel, 36. "I guess they might've saved my life. We only made it by less than a minute."

Crowley plans to meet with Cooperstown officials to discuss putting emergency sirens nearby.

"There are none, as far as I know, in that area," she said.

Manitowoc County has emer-

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Unstable air will hang on until Friday

■ 'It's the perfect breeding ground' for more thunderstorms

By Anne Klemm and Karil Van Boxel
Press-Gazette

Northeastern Wisconsin hasn't seen the end of the weather conditions that spawned a powerful tornado in Manitowoc County late Tuesday afternoon.

The tornado touched down in northwestern Manitowoc County and apparently skipped east toward Two Creeks, National Weather Service meteorologist John Juskie said.

The tornado destroyed houses and barns, ripped up power poles and injured one man.

The unstable, warm air that touched off that tornado isn't expected to move off until Friday, Juskie said.

That warm air will give birth to more thunderstorms this evening and Thursday, Juskie said.

"It's the perfect breeding ground for thunderstorms," Juskie said.

It was too early to predict this morning whether the rocky weather ahead will mean more tornados or hail, he said.

The warm air mass will keep temperatures in the 80s, he said.

Juskie was headed today to the scene of the tornado to gauge its strength.

He'll look at the path of destruction cut by the tornado and determine how strong the winds were. For example, he'll determine how much force was needed to damage certain types of building material.

The tornado wasn't Northeastern Wisconsin's only rough weather.

Thunderstorms dropped about four-tenths of an inch of rain overnight in the Green Bay area, Juskie said.

Overnight storms rained marble-sized hail on the town of Carlton in Kewaunee County, Juskie said.

High winds and rain also swept through Algoma early this morning, downing trees and power lines.

Trees were removed and all roads were open by 8:30 a.m. but one city block was without power, Kewaunee County Emergency Government Director Lyle Schmiling said. Two buildings were damaged when trees fell on them.

"It was raining so hard it almost looked like it was snowing outside," said Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department dispatcher Becky Haltaufderheid.



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Hard hit: Merlin "Mike" Jensen describes the tornado's path. Just as he arrived at his Zander Road home, the storm destroyed his home, barn and truck.

'Thank God we're alive'

■ 'It hit us dead center,' destroying house, garage, barn

By Don Langenkamp
Press-Gazette

A dazed Merlin "Mike" Jensen stood amidst the wreckage that was his farm and pointed at a battered hulk of a pickup truck in a field hundreds of yards away.

"That truck was parked right next to the garage," Jensen said, pointing to a pile of rubble where the garage once stood. "It blew all the way over there."

Jensen, 54, and his wife, Sandy, were hit harder than anyone by the tornado that ripped through northern Manitowoc County late Tuesday afternoon.

His newly remodeled farm home at 11929 Zander Road was reduced to a hole in the ground. His barn was a pile of rubble. So was his garage.

"It got my house, my garage and my barn. It hit us dead center," Merlin said, his voice still quavering shortly after the twister struck.

"But we're alive," he said. "Thank God we're alive."

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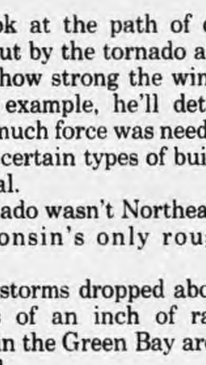
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Brown Co. needs a healthy Green Bay

■ It all starts with a vibrant downtown, area planners say

By Don Langenkamp
Press-Gazette

In the best of cases, Green Bay would be Brown County's hub.

Its downtown would be the motherlode of commercial, government and financial activity.

Upscale apartment buildings would dot the area. So would classy restaurants and nightclubs.

Services such as supermarkets would be within walking distance.

That's what the new Brown County Comprehensive Plan envisions for the city.

The reality is that forces are pulling growth from Green Bay, rather than the city drawing people to it.

"I'm not sure the right things are happening to make the city stay vital," says Pat Vaile, Brown County interim planning director. "But if the city doesn't stay vital, it's a detriment to the entire county."

Why is the city so important to Brown County's well-being?

Dale Preston, Green Bay's principal planner, says this:

- A certain amount of high-density residential development requires less space and is cheaper for everyone in the county.

"We all pay for development where services have to be extended. It costs more money to deliver services out in the rural areas. We're all subsidizing this peripheral development," he says.

- High-density housing is better use of the land. It accommodates population growth without straining the land resource.

"It all comes down to urban space vs. rural space. How should we use it?" Preston says.

"If we're going to get 38,000 new

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Greener pastures

Today, the *Press-Gazette* concludes its four-day look at growth and planning in Brown County.

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☐ Tornado

gency sirens in urban areas such as Manitowoc and Two Rivers. Those sirens were activated.

Rural areas have one-way emergency pagers in public places. All schools and some child care centers, businesses and gathering places have pagers, she said.

The sheriff's department sounds an emergency tone, then broadcasts a message alerting rural areas. The pagers were activated but apparently not heard Tuesday.

The path of the tornado could be tracked by damage it left in its wake along Zander Road. As far west as Kvitek Road, an occasional branch was down, but the damage escalated to falling trees as the storm moved east. Just beyond Rosecrans Road, houses and barns were felled.

An entire area east of Rosecrans Road was littered with smashed buildings, wood fragments — some imbedded like javelins in the ground — and parts of houses and broken machinery.

A generator lay in a field. A vehicle engine sat on a bridge. Pieces of a motorcycle lay in a ditch. Unrecognizable sheets of metal were wrapped around the bases of trees like blown newspaper.

Manitowoc County rescue workers blocked traffic on two ends of Zander Road while workers rushed to remove power lines and homeowners collected their property and temporarily patched damaged roofs and windows.

When the tornado hit, about 25 customers lost power, said Wayne Peterson of Wisconsin Public Service Corp.

Twenty-two WPS workers restored electricity to all but five or six of those customers by about 4:30 a.m. today. Other homes were too damaged for service.

Tuesday's tornado reportedly passed between the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant, which WPS operates, and Wisconsin Electric Power Co.'s Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

The storm knocked down a 345,000-volt line from the Point Beach plant at Two Creeks to an Appleton substation, but the power supply wasn't interrupted. The storm caused no other damage to either plant, the companies said.

Even if the tornado had come closer, Kewaunee plant Manager Mark Marchi said, it wouldn't have posed a danger to the plant.

Crowley, a National Weather Service worker and a representative for the state division of emergency government went to the Cooperstown area this morning to check the damage.

The Civil Air Patrol planned to fly over the area to take videos.

A state Department of Military Affairs official heading to Washington, D.C., today on other business also will bring initial reports from the scene to the federal government, Crowley said.

Those reports may help President Clinton name the tornado site a federal disaster area, along with other parts of the state damaged by severe weather recently, she said.

That would allow homeowners to seek federal aid for rebuilding.

Reporters Anne Klemm, Karil Van Boxel and Julie Bell contributed

☐ Farm

Like others in the tornado path, the Jensens had only seconds to get to their basement.

Minutes before the tornado hit, Merlin thought the worst of the thunderstorms had passed by.

"Then it got real quiet. You could hear a pin drop. Then I saw it coming and these trees going down," he said.

"I stayed outside long enough to know it was a tornado. Then I ran in the house, grabbed Sandy and down we went."

The next 30 seconds were a terrifying blur.

"It was unreal," Merlin said. "It was like a train going over the top of us.

"I never heard anything like that.

"My wife was praying and she said, 'Oh, my God; oh, my God!' Then we looked up at the sky and there was nothing there."

Getting to the relative safety of the southwest corner of the basement was instinctive, not planned.

"All I knew was that it was coming from that way. It blew right into that corner," he said.

"I put myself over the top of my wife's head. I was trying to protect her.

"But we really had no time."

Within an hour after the devastation, more than 50 of the Jensens' friends and neighbors were there — combing the wreckage for whatever could be salvaged.

Sandy Jensen watched them with tears in her eyes.

"You could hear everything flying and then you saw daylight," she said. "Everything went in seconds."

Two friends flanked her, one holding her arm and another patting her back in mute support.

"My friends are finding some of my treasured things," she said. "I'm finding out how good my friends are.

"And I'm here. Thank God I'm here."

Then she broke down and sobbed.

☐ City

people in the county," Vaile says, "there has to be redevelopment — and primarily in downtown Green Bay."

- A strong downtown pulls in tourist and shopping dollars.

Many shoppers from Upper Michigan now bypass Green Bay for Appleton and the Fox River Mall.

"If we lose Green Bay as the regional hub, we lose a lot of dollars," Vaile says.

Green Bay would like to see the entire county use its planning philosophy of managed growth, Preston says. In 1984, the city adopted a resolution saying its government could not approve new subdivisions until houses were built on vacant lots in existing neighborhoods.

"If the whole county follows growth management and fills in the neighborhoods, it would spare everybody in those planned neighborhoods unnecessary expenses for those outside of them," Preston says.

Green Bay made a major decision to develop its last large tract of land when it decided to run sewer along the Baird Creek Parkway to the far east side.

Ultimately, this will accommodate an estimated 30,000 more residents over the next 25 years.

But the downtown's future still is the key to Green Bay's future.

Preston says the hope is to develop high-rise apartments and lure "empty nesters" — couples whose kids are grown and gone.

The selling points:

- A major medical complex and government services just a few blocks away.
- Financial institutions.
- A Fox River shoreline that's beginning to show improvements.

Preston says another challenge facing Green Bay is redeveloping its aging inner-city neighborhoods.

Some are changing their roles. An estimated 300 houses around Courthouse Square now house law firms, abstract companies and businesses that need easy and quick access to government.

'Peaceful ultimatum' offered

Rival factions in Bosnia told about reprisals if they don't accept

GENEVA (AP) — The United States, Russia and Western Europe are telling Bosnia's warring sides to accept a peace plan, or else.

The plan, being presented today to leaders of the warring sides, calls for for dividing up the former Yugoslav republic — and for international reprisals if the rival factions don't accept it.

"We have mapped out a peaceful ultimatum. This is the first such effort to force a compromise and peace."

— Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev

"We have mapped out a peaceful ultimatum. This is the first such effort to force a compromise and peace," Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev said at a news conference Tuesday.

The plan gives 51 percent of Bosnia to the Muslim-Croat federation and 49 percent to the Serbs. Changes would be made only if both sides agree.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic have about two weeks to respond.

The ultimatum is aimed primarily at the Serbs, who control about 70 percent of Bosnia.

U.N. sanctions against the Serbs would gradually be lifted if they withdrew to the borders on the proposed map, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said. If the Serbs reject the plan, enforcement of the sanctions would be tightened and sanctions might be extended, he said.

He also held out the possibility of more air strikes against Serb targets and said the embargo preventing Muslims from getting weapons might be lifted.

"It would be a mistake of truly historic proportions for either party to feel they can serve their people well if they reject the proposal," he said.

As an incentive for the Bosnian government to accept the plan, the international community would give aid to rebuild the shattered land, Christopher said. If the government does not cooperate, then little financial help will be forthcoming and it will likely lose support from its most important ally, the United States.

He also indicated the United States would be willing to send military support to enforce the peace settlement, although he declined to provide details.

Christopher, Kozyrev and their counterparts from Britain, France and Germany formally approved the package at a three-hour session Tuesday.

The Russian Foreign Minister was expected to travel to Belgrade to try to put pressure on Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to bring the Bosnian Serbs into line.

The leader of the Bosnian Serbs, Radovan Karadzic, last week slammed the proposed divisions as "humiliating for the winning side."

Bosnian President Izetbegovic said his government would not reject the plan out of hand, despite reservations that it does not return enough land seized by Serbs.

Charles Redman, the U.S. envoy, said that under the plan, the Muslim-Croat federation would retain Muslim-populated enclaves in eastern Bosnia, which would be linked to each other and to Sarajevo.

But the Muslims are unlikely to recover much land around Serb-surrounded pockets.

The federation would also regain land in the Bihac area in northwestern Bosnia and around the northeastern town of Brcko, Redman said.

A number of unsuccessful peace plans have been proposed in efforts to end the Bosnian conflict, which broke out in April 1992 and has killed an estimated 200,000 people. This one may carry more weight because of the involvement of the United States and Russia.

Grim choices face Rwanda as it struggles toward peace

■ The Tutsis and Hutus have a history of hatred

By Mark Fritz
Associated Press

CYANGUGU, Rwanda — Can rebel soldiers fairly rule a nation overwhelmingly populated by the ethnic group that murdered their families?

Should a government accused of genocide be allowed to rest its blood-stained hands on the negotiating table to talk peace and, perhaps, share power with its victims?

Can illiterate farmers exhorted by their leaders to kill their neighbors in the name of national security be prosecuted for war crimes?

Those are a few of the confounding questions confronting the remnants of Rwanda, which is rapidly approaching a decisive moment in its long, violent history of hatred between two ethnic groups.

Three horrifying months of mass murder and tactical warfare have made much of the world view Rwanda as a corpse-littered wasteland incapable of ever accommodating both the majority Hutus and the decimated Tutsis, who have little left in this country except an army capable of conquering it.

Some experts believe Rwanda can survive its insane journey into genocide and civil war if the silent, frightened Hutu moderates emerge as leaders of the majority and, in proportionate partnership with the Tutsi minority, replace the fanatical Hutu-led government.

"It's not conceivable that you have a Tutsi-led government. It would not work," said Janet Fleischman, spokeswoman for the Washington-based Human Rights Watch.

"Likewise, you can't have a government in power responsible for the genocide. The moderate Hutu elements have to emerge and disassociate themselves from the people who committed the genocide."

There are two complications:

- Most of the Hutu moderate leaders are dead.
- France, saying it is on a humanitarian mission, posted troops throughout government territory just when the Tutsi-led rebel army threatened to overrun it. Critics say that will keep the largely discredited government intact and a player in eventual peace talks.

On Tuesday in New York, the rebels announced that they were forming a new government and would soon press for Rwanda's seat at the United Nations.

Representatives of the Rwandan Patriotic Front also lashed out at the United Nations for accepting the French-patrolled haven in southwest Rwanda. They warned of clashes if France tried to stop the rebel advance.

Rwanda, a nation of 6 million to 8 million people, was dominated by the minority Tutsis for most of its history until the 1959 Hutu rebellion sent thousands fleeing into other countries.

Hutus themselves split along regional and political lines.

Arafat, Rabin meet in Paris for more talks on self-rule

■ The Israeli prime minister said, 'It's time to get to work' now

By Christopher Burns
Associated Press

PARIS — Upbeat despite a lukewarm welcome home, Yasser Arafat arrived in Paris today for a summit with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that was expected to focus on extending self-rule throughout the West Bank.

"The era of dreams and celebrations is over. The time has come to roll up sleeves" and get to work, Rabin said in an interview in Israel's daily *Haaretz*.

Rabin and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres arrived before dawn. Arafat, flying via Egypt, arrived at midday from the Gaza Strip.

Peres, with Arafat, was to receive a U.N. peace prize for their work on the peace agreement which gave Palestinians limited autonomy in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.



Arafat
To get peace prize

The agreement first sealed in Washington last September was signed May 4 in Cairo, Egypt.

The prime minister said in Haaretz that he will tell the Palestinian leader he has to raise money if autonomy is to succeed.

"If Arafat doesn't start collecting taxes, I don't know from where he'll have money to finance the police, or development programs," Rabin said.

The leaders were likely to discuss the disastrous economic situation that helped put a damper on Arafat's return to Gaza. Arafat complains Israel is withholding Palestinian tax money and donor countries are slow to come up with $2.4 billion pledged over five years.

Donors worried about corruption and mismanagement have sought guarantees on how the money will be spent.

Arafat capped a five-day return to Palestinian territory on Tuesday by traveling from Gaza to Jericho, the seat of Palestinian autonomy, where he swore in the Cabinet that will administer self-rule.

An Egyptian military helicopter carried him on his first visit to the West Bank in 27 years. Thousands greeted him joyfully.

But overall, the long-awaited visit was less than triumphant.

Organizers in the Gaza Strip had predicted that nearly all 750,000 residents would turn out to cheer their leader when he arrived Friday, but 35,000 at most filled the main square to hear his speech.

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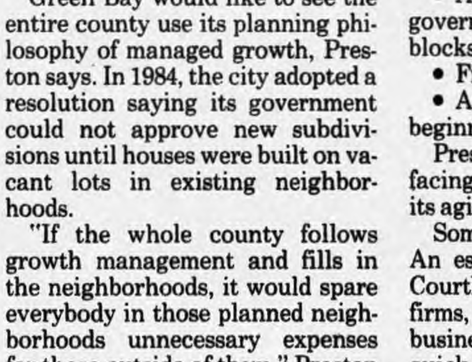
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In accordance with Ashwaubenon School Board Policy #9110 and Section 17.26 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, the Ashwaubenon School District is seeking candidates for appointment to the Ashwaubenon School Board. A vacancy was created by the resignation of Bruce LaSota effective July 1, 1994.

This appointment is until the Spring Election in April, 1995.

Interested individuals should apply in writing to the Ashwaubenon School District Office, 1055 Griffiths Lane, on or before 12:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 1994, and include in a letter or other materials the following information:

1. Biographical data
2. Qualifications for serving as a School Board member
3. Particular interests for serving on the Ashwaubenon School Board.

All applications will be reviewed by the Ashwaubenon School Board at their regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, July 11, 1994. Applicant interviews and the appointment process will be conducted by the Board at their regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, July 25, 1994. If necessary, a special meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 1994, to complete the process.

Ashwaubenon School District office hours are 7:30 a.m-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Friday.

Behind the scenes

Memories of fear, kindness will linger

By Don Langenkamp and Paul Srubas
Press-Gazette

A tornado's raw, terrifying force doesn't hit home immediately.

It takes time to digest what a few seconds of Mother Nature's wrath can leave in her wake.

Tuesday evening, the intersection of Rosecrans and Zander roads was the hub of what looked like a giant scavenger hunt.

The prizes: scattered family treasures and belongings.

The tornado's aftermath included not only wreckage but genuine country goodness and a spontaneous will to help.

It also left sights and sounds that sear their way into the minds of those who saw them.

■ The funnel took Bill and Pam Stroebel's Ford pickup for a wild ride before reducing it to a mangled hulk.

The truck flew east along Zander Road until it flipped over the railing of a bridge spanning a railroad track below.

The pickup landed upside down near the track, surrounded by huge trees uprooted by the tornado. But the transmission and driveshaft lay above on the bridge.

■ The area was a sea of flashing lights from Wisconsin Public Service trucks, volunteer fire department trucks from as far away as Tisch Mills, squad cars, salvage trucks and wreckers.

Within three hours, new power line and telephone poles were in place.

■ A young woman from a nearby farm walked down Zander Road carrying a tray filled with paper cups of Kool-Aid.

"Want one? Hey, the best thing is, you don't have to tip the waitress," she said.

■ The area is a mix of farms and newly-built homes of country dwellers who moved from the city.

They produced an incongruous sight: Just in back of the leveled 1-year-old home of Bill and Pam Stroebel was the sound of hammering on a new house being framed.

One down; one going up.

■ The trailer home Kevin Enz was in when the tornado struck on Zander Road was unrecognizable. Nothing left in the wreckage suggested a building sat there.

How did Enz fare? He suffered a minor ankle injury, according to a sheriff's deputy at the scene. He was treated at St. Vincent Hospital and released. His was the only known injury.

■ Merlin Jensen, 11929 Zander Road, lost not only a house, garage and barn, but a lot of belongings, some of which were scattered far and wide. Larry Kornowski, 6380 County T, found one of Jensen's canceled checks — at County T and Interstate 43, about three miles from Jensen's farm.

Two hours after the storm, Kornowski rode a bicycle through the wreckage along Zander Road to return the check.

■ Friends and relatives provided housing, building supplies and comfort.

The community pulled together after the storm, demonstrating that the force of human togetherness could equal the force of wind.

Ed Kass, 11511 Zander Road, was patching up damaged windows when a friend arrived with a roll of plastic.

"I'll use a little, but I'll take the rest over there — he needs it worse than I do," Kass said, indicating the Boeselager residence next door.

Mike Boeselager had plenty of tarp to temporarily patch his roof. Friends and members of his church ran out to Fleet Farm to buy as much of it as they could. He had most of the roof covered within three hours of the tornado.

Someone walked up to Boeselager's residence to announce to family and friends who were making repairs that Gordie Peterson had supplied a portable outhouse.

Cedar Ridge Restaurant in Maribel set up a stand at Zander and Rosecrans to give out food and cold drinks to workers.

Quote/unquote

Since lifting the trade embargo against Vietnam, it has been suggested that the embargo against Cuba be lifted, too. Do you think that would be a good idea?



Gilchrist

"No, I don't. I think as long as Castro is in control down there, he will never change his mind about becoming our ally. Until he is out, we should continue to have a trade embargo. When he ceases to be the dictator, then that is the time for us to make our move to become a friendly nation."

Duwayne Gilchrist, 62, Kaukauna, retired teacher

Tornado hits northern Manitowoc County

Victims hurried for safety

■ They saw funnels and tried to call their neighbors and get to the basement

By Paul Srubas and Don Langenkamp
Press-Gazette

Mike Boeselager was grilling steaks when he saw it — a black funnel materializing like magic at the crest of the hill.

"It started from the bottom and sort of grew upward," he said of the tornado that abruptly flattened a farm before his eyes and then moved his way.

"I just kept saying, 'Oh, no, it's coming.' It was so scary. I thought I was going to die."

— Allie Boeselager, who took cover in her basement

Boeselager, 32, ran into the house and hustled his family into the basement.

"I just kept saying, 'Oh, no, it's coming,' " said his wife, Allie, 32. "It was so scary. I thought I was going to die."

Boeselager began dialing his phone as fast as he could, calling neighbors one by one until the phone line went dead in his hands.

That was all the warning neighbor Judy Kass got.

"We heard nothing, had no warning, until we got the phone call," she said.

"I kept telling the kids it was going to be OK ... They were petrified, and they still are. It's going to be a while."

She huddled with Liz, 10, and Megan, 7, in the basement. They heard none of the "giant locomotion" noises many tornado survivors report hearing.

"I didn't hear anything until I heard the sound of things being dragged across the deck," Kass said.

Allie Boeselager said she heard plenty as she and the children, Adam, 7, and Stephanie, 5, crouched down in their basement.

"Heard it? Oh, God, yes. It was just like they say: a train. Then all of a sudden our smoke alarm went off, and I'm thinking, 'Fire! We've got to get out.' But Mike said, 'No, it's dust; dust set it off. We can't go up.' So we waited until everything was quiet."

When they came out, they found they

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Trashed truck: John Sloma surveys the damage to his 1994 Dodge V10 pickup truck. He waited six months for the vehicle, which was destroyed in an instant.

Red Cross helping victims; donations being accepted

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Tuesday's tornado will leave no one without a home, but could leave some needing household goods and supplies.

Marlene Walsh, executive director of the American Red Cross in Manitowoc, said she received a flood of offers last night, volunteering homes and apartments for short-term stays.

"Nobody was without a roof over their head and nobody will be," Walsh said.

Those interested in making donations should call the Manitowoc Red Cross at (414) 684-6601.

To donate money, send checks to the Manitowoc chapter of the American Red Cross, 1816 Washington St., Manitowoc, WI 54221-4999. Checks should be payable to the American Red Cross-Manitowoc Chapter and referenced Local Disaster Relief Fund.

Call your insurance agent

■ That's the advice for people who had property damaged

By Tom Murphy
Press-Gazette

People suffering property damage in tornadoes or similar disasters should contact their insurance agent as soon as possible, company spokesmen said today.

That advice holds no matter what company has coverage, said Kevin Wolff of the State Farm Insurance Companies claims office in Green Bay.

"If (State Farm) agents aren't available, policy holders can call the claims office here," Wolff said. In Green Bay that number is 497-4680.

Insured parties need not have a copy of their policy, said Joe Leadley, manager of personal insurance services for Alexander & Alexander in Green Bay.

"We can certainly pull them up from a computer or get their file to determine coverage," he said.

"We already had one company call us this morning to determine how many policy holders might be involved and if they needed a catastrophe crew on the scene," Leadley said. No team was needed in this case.

"Most of the time, if there is loss of use coverage as there is in a normal home policy, adjusters are pretty quick to accommodate people and get a roof over their head."

Wolff and Leadley said adjusters will be on the scene within 24 hours when major damage occurs.

Greener pastures: What's next for Brown County?

County plan succeeded in some areas, not others

■ Rural growth went against the 'greenbelt' idea in the '68 document

By Don Langenkamp
Press-Gazette

The last Brown County Comprehensive Plan — adopted in 1968 — had its successes and failures.

It successfully predicted how the transportation system would develop. Interstate 43 and Wisconsin 172 completed a beltway encircling the metropolitan area, just like the plan said it should.

It correctly forecast where the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay campus would — and should — be built. It identified the location of the major park systems.

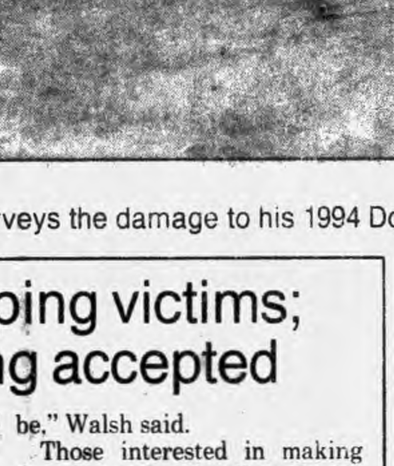
It pretty well identified what metropolitan area would receive services such as sewer and water.

But it missed the mark in some cases.

"Where it did worse was beyond the metro boundary," says Pat Vaile, interim Brown County planning director. "The plan called for a greenbelt area — open space and farmland between the metro area and the outlying villages.

"But the reality was residential development scattered through that area. And as time went on, the plan got forgot about."

City, village and town leaders and the County Board accepted the plan. But it had no teeth. The only tool to make it work was local zoning ordinances. Vaile says things went awry.



How growth is changing Brown County

"Communities adopted zoning, but the zoning didn't follow the plan," he says.

The plan couldn't hold up to the new American dream — a country home on a spacious lot. Town governments embraced the dream.

"There's always been a strong feeling at the town level that development adds to the tax base," Vaile says. "But there are studies around that show residential development doesn't help tax base."

The comprehensive plan the county is developing will not be an easy sell. Vaile says, "The towns think we're favoring the cities and the cities think we're favoring the rural area.

How to make the plan work

To make the new Brown County Comprehensive Plan more than a paper tiger, interim county planning director Pat Vaile says it has to show local governments how to control growth.

His suggestions:

- Force developers to pay for improvements up front if their project is not in a sewer service area.
- Change the Farmland Preservation Act to encourage farmers to keep their land rather than selling it to developers.
- Change certain state laws to give local governments more clout.

The urban-rural conflict over where development should occur has spawned mistrust.

"There's a reality out there right now that has stretched the working relationships between the urban and rural areas," Vaile says.

He says the new plan has to be a delicate balancing act.

"We have to put enough emphasis on all parts of the county to get it accepted," he says.

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▶ Finger Road's legacy/B-2

About the county's plan

- **Is the plan a requirement?** Yes. A federal law passed in 1991 — the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) — requires a transportation plan. If you don't have one, you stand to lose road construction money.
- **When must the plan be done?** For ISTEA's purposes, the Brown County Planning Commission must approve it before Sunday, Dec. 18. Interim planning director Pat Vaile is trying to get the plan to the County Board by mid-September, but it's not a requirement that the board pass the plan.
- **Who works on the plan?** Committees made up of local government leaders, people with strong technical backgrounds in specific areas such as transportation, and a citizens' advisory group. The Brown County Planning Department does the day-to-day work. HNTB Consultants, Milwaukee, has a contract with the county to do all the extensive research.
- **What stage is the new plan in?** The Technical and Citizens' Advisory committees have narrowed it to three options. After HNTB Consultants research the cost and effects of three different growth patterns, the committees will choose one. Then the Policy Committee (government officials) will refine the option, which will be the subject of a public hearing.

Here's the plan's timetable

Here's a schedule of meetings on Brown County's long-range land use and transportation plan:

Thursday, July 28: Technical Advisory Committee at 1:30 p.m., Citizens Advisory Committee at 7 p.m. to narrow three choices to one for future development of Brown County. Both meetings in Room 161 at the Ag & Extension Center, 1150 Bellevue St.

Thursday, Aug. 11: Policy Committee at 6:30 p.m. in Donovan North, 1150 Bellevue St., to consider committees' July 28 decision.

Thursday, Aug. 18: Public information meeting on final choice among three, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Donovan North, 1150 Bellevue St.

Early September: Technical and citizens advisory committees, 1150 Bellevue St., to discuss draft of complete comprehensive plan.

Mid-September: Public information meeting on draft plan, 1150 Bellevue St., time to be announced.

Mid- to late September: Policy Committee on draft plan, 1150 Bellevue St., time to be announced.

Wednesday, Oct. 5: Brown County Planning Commission board of directors reviews plan; time, place to be announced.

Thursday, Oct. 6: County Planning, Development and Transportation Committee discusses plan, 7:30 p.m.; place to be announced.

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Brown County Board discusses plan, 7:30 p.m., Green Bay City Hall, 100 N. Jefferson St.

Tornado hits northern Manitowoc County

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were among the lucky ones. Their house at 17639 Carol Drive suffered major roof damage but still stood. Their motorhome, parked in their driveway, had disappeared. They found it up the road and across the street. Huge gouges in the ground showed where it had rolled and tumbled in the wind.

The Kasses at 11511 Zander Road, also were lucky.

Their house, less than a year old, sustained broken windows but was still standing. The garage door was buckled out. Siding was torn off. Broken fragments of wood were imbedded like arrows in the walls. One fragment could not be plucked out with two hands.

"Look out for the wire," Judy Kass told a reporter and pointed to the ground. "They think it might be live."

She and her husband, Ed, were mystified by the fragments of green glass scattered throughout their living room. They had had no such glass anywhere in the house.

"We have no idea where it came from," Judy Kass said.

A board had been driven through a wall and into their garage, where it narrowly missed their car.

The Kasses moved from Green Bay because they wanted to live in the country. Despite the storm, they still want to, Judy Kass said. "We love it out here."

■ After Pat Van Groll hustled his family into the basement of his farmstead, he came back out to watch the action.

"I watched the Jensen barn coming right at us," he said. "I don't get rattled too easily, but that got me going."

Before the storm, a family friend had dropped off her child at his house at 11622 Zander Road. She left but had hardly driven a few hundred feet before the tornado sprung up, Van Groll said.

"She came barrelling back. She was running right into it and had no choice," Van Groll said.

She and the Van Grolls gathered up the children and headed for cover. Then they noticed Allison Van Groll, 4, wasn't with them. They ran out searching and found her playing on a swing.

"She was pretty shook up," Van Groll said. "She didn't know what was going on but heard it in our voices."

The child had never seen the *Wizard of Oz*, but now, "she doesn't need to," Van Groll said.

He lost his chimney and part of his roof in the storm. His barn also lost its roof, and several timbers cracked.

Five acres of corn were flattened. Van Groll's friends and relatives were helping to clean out the broken pallets and other items that had blown into that field. Van Groll will plow it all under.

"There's plastic in there, nails — trophies that belong to someone down the street. The risk of one nail in a cow's stomach can't justify trying to salvage it.

"But I'm in a lot better shape than those guys," he said, indicating nearby flattened houses. "I'm rebuilding. Are they gonna?"

■ Jerry Holtermann, 17408 County T, Maribel, was watching cartoons on TV with his two sons during the rain. He thought it was letting up when he looked outside.

"But the next thing I knew — the rain was coming back at us," he said.

It wasn't the rain; it was the tornado.

It leveled the barn and killed two cows about 100 feet from his house, but left the house unscathed.

Holtermann and his sons, 9 and 5, headed for the basement.

"Just before we went down I saw a bunch of debris whirling around in the field," he said. "I grabbed the kids and headed down. Within 30 seconds, it was done.

"I came back up and the barn was gone. It was like it was never there."



Helping their friends: Cindy Shimon and her son Matt help the Merlin Jensen family pick through the wreckage looking for salvageable items following the tornado that ripped through northern Manitowoc County Tuesday. The Shimons are friends of the Jensens who lost their home, barn and other property in the storm.

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For some in area, tornadoes are all too familiar

■ Jeannie Barbier's tavern in Cooperstown was hit in '89

By Kathleen McGillis
Press-Gazette

Tornadoes are getting to be old hat for Jeannie Barbier of Cooperstown.

Her bar was destroyed in a 1989 twister. She and bar patrons recalled that one as they took shelter Tuesday in the walk-in basement beer cooler of her bar, Genie's Place, on Zander Road. Now they can remember this latest tornado.

"When we first saw it forming, one of the customers came in and said, 'Jeannie — tornado.' I thought he was joking," Barbier said this morning. "I went outside and there was the pale color. You expect it to be dark.

"We saw it touch down and start heading toward us when it started moving. That's when we stopped watching."

Barbier's place was not damaged this time, but the town suffered much more damage Tuesday than it did in 1989.

"I was very, very fortunate, very lucky," she said of this time. "My neighbors have lost everything."

According to the National Weather Service, Manitowoc and Brown counties got hit with the most tornadoes of any area counties from 1950 to 1990.

The most recent National Weather Service statistics available show these totals for area counties during that time: Brown, 16; Manitowoc, 14; Outagamie, 12; Shawano, 11; Calumet, 10; Winnebago, 9; Door, 7; Kewaunee, 7.

Longtime Green Bay residents will remember the May 1959 tornado.

It cut a blockwide swath through part of Ashwaubenon, crossed the Fox River and continued through east Green Bay and Preble. It ran for about 5 miles. Remarkably, no was was killed.

City Council approves homeless shelter rules

■ The controversial regulations will go into effect Saturday

By Susan Campbell
Press-Gazette

The Green Bay City Council approved homeless shelter regulations Tuesday night, despite continued protests from shelter operators and advocates.

The vote passed 10-1, with Ald. Darlene Marcelle dissenting. Ald Timothy Hinkfuss was absent.

"We need some sort of regulations," Ald. Eugene Schmitz said. "We're following state regulations — we're not out on a limb with this."

Most notably, the regulations establish parking and room capacity limits for shelters, restrictions shelter owners contend will severely hamper their operations.

New shelters must provide one parking space for every two adults, under the ordinance. Parking provisions at existing shelters will be grandfathered.

New room capacity regulations require 400 cubic feet per adult — about 8-by-7-feet under a standard ceiling, and half that for children.

Marcelle said she objected to a provision in the ordinance that allows police to inspect shelter guest registries without a particular suspect in mind.

She said, however, she doesn't object to the registers being available for police inspection for possible suspects.

The ordinance will go into effect Saturday, according to the City Clerk's office.

Land rezoned for Pulaski fire station

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About .89 acres of land in the village of Pulaski were rezoned Tuesday to allow construction of a new fire station.

The Village Board rezoned the land on Glenbrook Drive near Wisconsin 32 from B-2 commercial highway to institutional for the project, Village Administrator Joseph Helfenberger said.

The Tri-County Fire Department is expected to close today on a land swap with property owner Joseph Pasowicz, Fire Chief Frank Wichlacz said. Pasowicz will get the present station on West Pulaski Street. He plans to use it for a business.

Boy accused in stabbing to enter plea July 18

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A Milwaukee boy, 17, accused of taking part in the stabbing of Johnny L. Fish on March 23 will enter a plea Monday, July 18.

Court Commissioner Lawrence Gazeley bound Anthony C. Jackson over for trial in Brown County Court this morning.

A key witness testified this morning that she lied in incriminating Anthony Jackson in court earlier and in a statement to police. Delores Reiter, 17, said she made up information about Jackson because a cousin of hers said she would get hurt if she didn't.

But Gazeley said Reiter's earlier version of events that allegedly followed the stabbing seemed more credible and was plausible enough for Jackson to face at trial.

Reiter had said Jackson and co-defendant Darren Morris, 17, came to her apartment in the hours after the stabbing and said they "clipped," or stabbed, someone.

The two are charged with being a party to first-degree intentional homicide.

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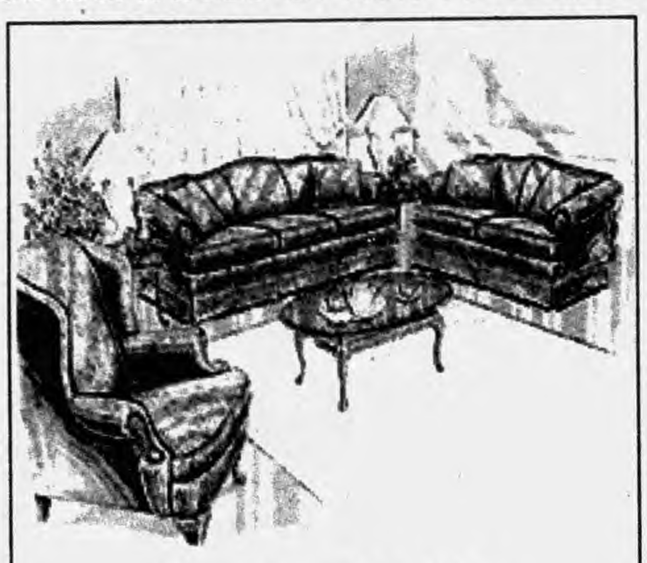
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